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NORTH KOREAN CABINET DECIDES ON CONTROL OF ELECTRIC POWER

The year 1948 was the driest year for North Korea in recent decades. This resulted in a very serious water shortage during the winter of 1948-49, making it impossible to meet electric power needs. To solve the problem of power shortage the North Korean Cabinet made the following decision:

- 1. The Minister of Industry shall work out, before 30 April 1949, a power control system with particular emphasis on the uninterrupted supply of power to sil industrial plants, especially during the winter months, so as to enhance the development of the Poople's economy.
- 2. The Minister of Industry shall rigidly maintain a system of periodic inspection of the use of electricity, particularly during the winter menths; and submit detailed monthly reports. It will have private families pledge to conserve as much electricity as possible.
- 3. In the event there is a power shortage, every private family must comply with whatever instructions the Eureau of Electric Power of the Ministry of Industry may issue regarding the conditions of power consumption by private families. When the Minister of Industry finds it necessary to reduce power supply to wrivate families, the Ministry shall prepare such a schedule and submit it to the Cabinet for approval.
- 4. With regard to the inspection and investigation of the use of electricity, all local authorities are required to give fullest cooperation to the government investigative authorities. The Minister of Internal Affairs must assist the investigating authorities in every possible way.
 - 5. We one shall be permitted to use electricity to heat office or rooms.

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- 6. The Minister of Industry shall propers an official accompel various industries and public organizations to sense coal boilers within a specified time. Heating private houses the use of portable electric heaters are prohibited.
- 7. It shall be the responsibility of the Misistry of that all the factories that have been converted to coal boilers. It is a sequenced and a sequence of the sequence of the
- 8. The use of electricity for nonproductive purpose shall be refried to the minimum and, the use of electric light during day-light is prohibited.
- 9. The Minister of Industry shall conduct periodic inspections of the use of water at every hydroelectric plant and levise the ways and means to save water.
- 10. Anyone who violates any of the provisions in this Cabinet Decision No 100 shall be runished severely.
- 11. The amount of electric power a given factory may consume per month shall be determined in a conference by the Winister of Industry and the chairman of the National Planning Committee. The use of the allotted amount of power shall be carefully prescribed by the same conference.

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